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REMOVAL OF MICROBIAL CONTAMINATION OF FOOD
PRODUCTS BY QUATERNARY AMMONIUM COMPOUNDS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(a)

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

This amendment is filed after the Notice of Allowance dated July 19, 1999 and before the payment of the base issue fee in the above-identified application, to correct claim dependencies, cancel a redundant claim and correct inadvertent typographical errors. No new matter is added. Kindly amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

In claim 11, line 1, change "10" to --1--.

Cancel claim 12.

In claim 22, line 1, change "21" to --14--, and
line 2, change "Aranges" to --ranges--.

In claim 25, line 1, change "24" to --14--.